



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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Situation Report

Hurricane Rita & Hurricane Katrina Support

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Hurricane Rita

Hurricane Rita continues its trek across the Gulf of Mexico. At 10am, the National Hurricane Center reported the following information on the storm:

- Rita was located about 260 miles west of Key West, FL and 755 miles east-southeast of Corpus Christi, TX.
- Sustained winds are estimated at 140mph, making the storm a category-four hurricane on the Saffir-Simpson scale.
- Rita continues to move to the west at 13mph. The projected path of the storm through Friday is west through the Gulf of Mexico, with landfall expected on the Texas coast late Friday or early Saturday. National Weather Service expects to issue hurricane watches for this area later today.
- There remains some potential that the storm may turn to the north and strike along the west Louisiana Coast.

SEMA continues to monitor weather service reports, and stands ready to provide assistance through the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC), if needed.

Hurricane Katrina

Operations to support the displaced persons from Hurricane Katrina continue to wind down. All State Agencies have returned to normal operations and SEMA continues to monitor the situation with normal staffing patterns and, if necessary, with on-call staff.

- The Missouri Donations Hotline (800-841-8891) continues operating out of St Louis. The hotline was established for anyone wishing to volunteer or donate to Katrina victims. AmeriCorps volunteers are staffing the hotline from 8am-7pm, seven days a week.

EMAC Support

SEMA is starting to receive EMAC requests for response to Hurricane Rita, which have been forwarded to the Missouri National Guard. EMAC requests for Hurricane Katrina are now being filled primarily by States closer to the Katrina affected area. Missouri EMAC support for Katrina includes the following:

- State of Mississippi has requested assistance with floodplain management activities. SEMA will dispatch four personnel in October to assist.
- Members from several fire departments in Region C (St Louis area) continue their work in Gulfport, MS with 26 personnel and 12 water tankers. They are assisting the local fire department with firefighting activities.

Severe Storms

SEMA received no requests for assistance following the severe weather that pummeled much of the state Monday night and early Tuesday morning. The National Weather Service Storm Prediction Center forecasts a slight risk of severe weather to return to much of Missouri as soon as Thursday.

Points of Contact:

SEMA can be contacted during normal hours (730am-430pm) at 573-526-9100. Emergency calls after hours can be made to the duty officer at 573-751-2748,